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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Election/Restriction Requirement for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)

(COL. 2)

(COL. 3)

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	20	MINUS	* 20	0
INDEP	6	MINUS	** 6	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$ 100	\$
+	\$ 180	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 50	\$
X	\$ 200	\$
+	\$ 360	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

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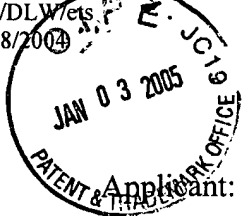
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REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated June 29, 2004, which required an election of species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable, Applicant hereby elects the species of FIG. 4. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 13 and 14. Currently, Claims 1 and 11 also read on the species of FIGs. 1-3.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected species. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected species.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

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